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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2942
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DOORDARSHAN TOWER AT DIBRUGARH
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3825 dated December 23, 2004 regarding Doordarshan Tower at Dibrugarh and state:

(a) whether the extension work of height of Doordarshan Tower at Dibrugarh has been awarded;

(b) if so, the present status of the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not awarding the contract?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) : No Sir. The scheme for raising the height of the High Power Doordarshan Transmitter (HPT) at Dibrugarh was entrusted to Civil Construction Wing (CCW) which floated tenders; but in vain. Later, the idea of extending the height through an all-steel frame was also explored; but, finally dropped in 2004 as the cost was found to be beyond the sanctioned amount.

With the launch of Doordarshan's D.T.H. (Ku band free-to-air) transmission service from 16th December, 2004, the multi-channel TV coverage has been extended to hitherto uncovered and under-covered areas [including Dibrugarh and the entire N.E. region]. The signals can be received anywhere in the country (except A&N Islands) with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.